

I CLAIM:

1 1. A plurality of disposable polymer and stackable surgical instrument organizers, each
2 organizer adapted to support surgical instruments having a single pivot connection for
3 two long shanks at about a midpoint of those shanks and having two finger rings at
4 proximal ends of two pivoted shanks, each organizer comprising:

5 (a) four or more adjacent supporting means secured to a rectangular box base
6 formed with base length walls and base end walls;

7 (b) each of the supporting means extending laterally and perpendicular to the
8 base length walls and adapted to support substantially edgewise a single
9 surgical instrument of substantially any length from only one of the finger
10 rings and lateral sides of the shanks so that distal ends of the shanks lie on a
11 tabletop when the base rests thereon, each supporting means further
12 comprising a lower support and an upper support;

13 (c) a lower cavity containing the lower supports, where the lower cavity is defined
14 by an inside surface of one of the base length walls, inside surfaces of the
15 base end walls, a cavity floor, and an inside surface of a cavity forward wall
16 substantially adjacent to rearward edges of the upper supports;

17 (d) the lower supports each comprising two upside down and vertical U-shaped
18 lower support loops spaced apart, parallel and secured at legs in rearward
19 and forward locations in the cavity floor to form a ring handle slot adapted to
20 receive and support the ring handle of a surgical instrument;

21 (e) lower loop slots defined in the lower cavity floor vertically beneath each lower
22 support loop, each lower loop slot having a width greater than a thickness of
23 the lower support loops;

24 (f) an upper floor extending from a top edge of the cavity forward wall to the
25 second base length wall, where upper supports each comprise two upside
26 down and vertical U-shaped lower support loops spaced apart, parallel and
27 secured at legs in rearward and forward locations in the upper floor to form a

28 shank slot adapted to receive and support the lateral sides of the pivoted
29 shanks of a surgical instrument; and
30 (g) upper loop slots defined in the upper floor vertically beneath each upper
31 support loop, each upper loop slot having a width greater than a thickness of
32 the upper support loops.

1 2. The organizers of claim 1 wherein a first organizer is placed on top of a second
2 organizer so that each of the lower support loops of the second organizer project into
3 the lower loop slots of the first organizer.

1 3. The organizer of claim 2 wherein each of the upper support loops of the second
2 organizer project into the upper loop slots of the first organizer.

1 4. The organizer of claim 3 wherein end walls of the box bases of the organizers are
2 provided with connector means for connecting in an end to end orientation.

1 5. The organizer of claim 1 wherein the lower support loops have an elevation no
2 higher than a top edge of the cavity forward wall.